

I have been following this critical issue and being a business owner at Lakefront Airport, I am very concerned about the potential for abuse with this type of lease dealing with "Affiliates". I totally agree with AOPA needing an extension. Furthermore, I think there should be a public meeting in New Orleans conducted by the FAA, not the Levee District, so all questions can be answered. I attended a public meeting on this issue where consultants, other than the Levee District's, told the audience of the real issues. The other comment in this section regarding how long it took to bring the bids into the public forum after being received speaks volumes. I have been flying out of Lakefront Airport for over 25 years and I can not believe the Orleans Levee District wouldn't want an independent review by an organization such as AOPA to make sure this deal doesn't destroy the airport and cost Louisiana one of its most important assets for the transportation infrastructure. Its economic impact is vital to City of New Orleans. By the way, the numerous public meetings talked about by Mr Murdock, neither I nor most of my cohorts ever knew they existed. Lets have that public meeting.